

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION

Minutes – 210th Meeting – November 2, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary Robert L. Green, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chair)
LaMonte E. Cooke, Director of Correctional Services, Queen Anne’s County Department of Corrections (Vice-Chair)
Sheriff Scott Adams, President, Maryland Sheriff’s Association
Symphar R. Charles, Chief, Learning and Career Development, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Melinda Grenier, President, Maryland Criminal Justice Association
Annie Harvey, Acting Commissioner of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Wayne Hill, Deputy Secretary of Operations, Dept. of Public Safety & Correctional Services
Lynette Holmes, Deputy Director, Department of Juvenile Services
Zenita Hurley, Assistant Attorney General representing Brian E. Frosh, Attorney General
Captain Daniel Lasher, Allegany County Detention Center
Wallis Q. Norman, Deputy Secretary of Operations, Department of Juvenile Services
Dr. Beverly O’Bryant, representing Dr. Maria Thompson, President, Coppin State University

MEMBERS ABSENT

Secretary Sam Abed, Department of Juvenile Services
Lieutenant Christopher Duffy, Correctional Officer of the State of Maryland
Demetrius Page, Division of Parole and Probation
Mary Ann Thompson, President, Maryland Correctional Administrators Association

STAFF PRESENT

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director, Police & Correctional Training Commissions
Matthew Mellady, Assistant Attorney General
Kelly Brauning, Certification Administrator
Chennada Burns, Correctional Training Unit
Stephanie Cain, Compliance Administrator
Sarah Chatfield, Media Specialist
Jeanne Chenoweth, Recorder
Katie Johnson, Recorder

GUESTS

Denise Victory, Department of Juvenile Services
Nicole Amedori, Department of Juvenile Services
Kristal Ostrander, Department of Juvenile Services

The 210th meeting of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) was held via teleconference and called to order by the Chair, Secretary Robert Green, at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2022
2. Facility Report
3. Legal Issues
4. Old Business
 - a) Update on Aligning with Colleges for Uniform Programming
 - b) Final Approval of Amendments to Drug Regulations
5. New Business
 - a) Schedule of Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates

The recorder took a roll call of all members, staff and guests on the call.

1. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2022

Secretary Green asked the members to review the minutes.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. LaMonte Cooke: SECONDED: Capt. Daniel Lasher. The MOTION carried.

2. Facility Report

Mr. Albert Liebno, Executive Director of the MD Police & Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC), directed members to the report, which reviewed the activities at the Center during the past quarter. He noted the agency received the APEX virtual training system, which is currently being used in the Administrative Charging Committee training throughout the state. MPCTC is working on a grant through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to purchase a second APEX system to be used exclusively at the Center in both the police and correctional training units, particularly in the academies. Mr. Liebno also mentioned that the Compliance unit conducted four selection standards audits for correctional agencies this quarter.

3. Legal Issues

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Mellady stated that there were no legal issues.

4. Old Business

a) Update on Aligning with Colleges for Uniform Programming

Mr. Liebno stated that scheduled meetings with the MD Higher Education Commission (MHEC) had been postponed; however, the outlook remains favorable. Currently MHEC is reviewing a variety of curriculum in order to create a broad overview of all of the academies in the State. Mr. Liebno said the goal is to have a set number of college credits for completing any correctional entry level academy in the State, elevating the status of all the programs.

Secretary Green asked Mr. Liebno to provide an update on the open Correctional Training Commission Executive Director position. Mr. Liebno stated that once the new governor is established, the recruitment for the position will move forward. It was noted that several Commission positions are vacant at this time, and will be appointed by the new governor in 2023. Governor Hogan does not have the authority to appoint anyone this close to his term's end.

b) Final Approval of Amendments to Drug Regulations

Mr. Liebno informed the members that no comments were received on the posted COMAR update. If approved for final adoption, the regulations would become active after a publishing period of 15 days.

A MOTION for final approval of the Drug Regulation amendment was made by Mr. LaMonte Cooke: SECONDED: Capt. Daniel Lasher. The MOTION carried.

Recorder's Note: Dr. Beverly O'Bryant joined the meeting at 10:17am.

5. New Business

a) Schedule of Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates

Secretary Green asked members to review the proposed meeting dates for 2023.

A MOTION to approve the proposed 2023 meeting dates was made by Mr. LaMonte Cooke: SECONDED: Capt. Daniel Lasher. The MOTION carried.

Secretary Green thanked the members for another great and dynamic year in Corrections. Mr. Wayne Hill announced his retirement as of November 30th, and thanked everyone for their support over the years.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Mr. LaMonte Cooke: SECONDED: Capt. Daniel Lasher. The MOTION carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

These "minutes" are a synopsis of the Commission's discussion and decisions and not a verbatim rendering of the proceedings.